

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons,

OF MINNESOTA,

AT ITS THIRTEENTH GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, HELD IN THE
CITY OF ST. PAUL, COMMENCING OCTOBER 24TH, A. S. L. 5865.

FIRST DAY.

At 12 o'clock M., the Most Worshipful Grand Master opened a
Master's ☐ in ample form. Officers as follows:

M. W. G. W. PRESCOTT, Grand Master.
R. W. B. F. SMITH, Senior Grand Warden.
W. R. STEWART, Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. C. H. LINDSLEY, Grand Treasurer.
R. W. A. T. C. PIERSON, Grand Secretary.
W. J. B. FOOT, Senior Grand Deacon.
W. R. J. MARVIN, Junior Grand Deacon.
W. A. RICHARDSON, Grand Tyler.

The Grand Master appointed Bros. Pierson, Bickford, and
McManus a Committee on Credentials:

The committee reported thirty-two ☐ represented, to wit: Nos.
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 16, 18, 19, 21, 23, 26, 28, 31, 33, 34,
35, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49.

The representatives from a constitutional number of ☐ being
present, the Most Worshipful the Grand ☐ of the Ancient and
Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota,
was opened in ample form.

Present—Grand Officers:

M. W. G. W. PRESCOTT, Grand Master.
R. W. L. E. THOMPSON, Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. A. C. SMITH, as Senior Grand Warden.
W. R. STEWART, as Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. C. H. LINDSLEY, as Grand Treasurer.
R. W. A. T. C. PIERSON, Grand Secretary.
R. W. GEO. BRADLEY, as Grand Marshal.
W. S. B. FOOT, as Senior Grand Deacon.
W. R. J. MARVIN, as Junior Grand Deacon.
W. A. RICHARDSON, Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. A. E. AMES, Past Grand Master.
R. W. A. T. C. PIERSON, Past Grand Master.
R. W. A. GOODRICH, Past Deputy Grand Master.

R.: W.: D. B. LOOMIS, Past Deputy Grand Master.
 R.: W.: C. H. LINDSLEY, Past Senior Grand Warden.
 R.: W.: WM. LEE, Past Junior Grand Warden.
 R.: W.: A. C. SMITH, Past Junior Grand Warden.
 R.: W.: GEO. BRADLEY, Past Junior Grand Warden.
 R.: W.: W. T. RIGBY, Past Junior Grand Warden.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM SUBORDINATE ☐.

St. John's ☐, No. 1—D. B. Loomis, Worshipful Master.
 Cataract ☐, No. 2—M. W. Getchell, Warden.
 St. Paul ☐, No. 3—A. C. Smith, Worshipful Master.
 Chas. Leonard, Senior Warden.
 Robt. Patterson, Junior Warden.
 Hennepin ☐, No. 4—A. E. Ames, Worshipful Master.
 C. N. Daniels, proxy for Junior Warden.
 Ancient Landmark ☐, No. 5—Freeman James, Worshipful Master.
 Dakota ☐, No. 7—R. J. Marvin, Worshipful Master.
 F. M. Crosby, Senior Warden.
 Red Wing ☐, No. 8—S. B. Foot, Senior Warden.
 Mantorville ☐, No. 11—G. B. Cooley, Worshipful Master.
 Mankato ☐, No. 12—A. Hanna, Worshipful Master.
 Wapahasa ☐, No. 14—H. W. Rose, Junior Warden.
 Monticello ☐, No. 16—J. W. Thompson, Proxy.
 Winona ☐, No. 18—G. R. Tucker, Worshipful Master.
 Minneapolis ☐, No. 19—F. Beebe, Proxy.
 Rochester ☐, No. 21—C. H. Lindsley, Proxy.
 North Star ☐, No. 23—S. Marlatt, Senior Warden.
 H. D. Brown, proxy for Worshipful Master.
 Clear Water ☐, No. 28—W. T. Rigby, Worshipful Master.
 King Hiram ☐, No. 31—Geo. Bradley, Proxy.
 Star in the East ☐, No. 33, W. R. Kinyon, Senior Warden.
 Oriental ☐, No. 34—A. J. Phelps, Worshipful Master.
 J. D. Jennings, Senior Warden.
 Mt. Moriah ☐, No. 35—Wm. Lee, proxy for Worshipful Master.
 C. W. Nash, proxy for Senior Warden.
 Mystic Tie ☐, No. 37, Thos. McManus, Proxy.
 Fidelity ☐, No. 39—O. Somers, Worshipful Master.
 Carnelian ☐, No. 40—S. R. Merrell, Worshipful Master.
 Hermon ☐, No. 41—Wm. Bickford, Worshipful Master.
 Hope ☐, No. 42—A. J. Snyder, Senior Warden.
 Harmony ☐, No. 43, S. W. Gleason, Worshipful Master.
 King Solomon ☐, No. 44—H. S. Holton, Junior Warden.
 Union ☐, No. 45—G. W. Stewart, Proxy.
 Concord ☐, No. 47—Augustus Bossout, Worshipful Master.
 Social ☐, No. 48—Chas. Taylor, Worshipful Master.
 Rising Sun ☐, No. 29, R. Stewart, Proxy.

On motion of Bro. Ames,

Resolved, That all Master Masons in good standing be invited to take seats in this Grand ☐ during its session.

The minutes of the last Grand Annual Communication [not having been printed] were then read and approved.

The Grand Master announced then the following committees:

On Returns of ☐, Bros. Marvin, Leonard and Rose.

On Work of ☐ U.: D.:, Bros. Taylor, Marlatt and Brownsill.

On Examination of Treasurer's and Secretary's Books, Brothers Phelps, Somers and Kenyon.

On Examination of Visiting Brethren, Bros. Ames and Patterson.

On Appeals and Grievances, Bros. L. E. Thompson, Bradley, Lindsley, Tucker and Cooley.

On Unfinished Business, Bros. R. Stewart, J. H. Thompson, and Jennings.

On Ancient Landmarks, Bros. Smith, Hanna and Crosby.

Thereupon the Grand ☐ was called to refreshment, until three o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION—3 O'CLOCK.

The Grand ☐ resumed labor, the M.: W.: Grand Master presiding, and representatives as at opening. The Grand Master then delivered the following

ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Grand ☐ :

I trust it is the first impulse of all hearts here this day, to recognize and feel devoutly thankful for the kind providences of Him whom we call Supreme Grand Master. In a retrospect of the year, how many are the attestations of his goodness. Some of the blessings continued to us are so unvarying that we call the deprivation of them "an inroad;" and yet the thoughtful Mason is made happy by the recollection that they are none the less the gifts of God—a part of that wondrous temple of praise which the Great Architect is ever building. Masonry teaches us to be glad in the prosperity of our fellows, and therefore we rejoice in the abundant harvest of the past season, and in the remarkable propitiousness and beauty of climate, all which have made thousands thank God and take courage in the struggle of life. But the great, the overshadowing gift of all has been peace to our battle-tossed land—a release from the throes which threatened to rend our nation and compel us to work out on some new principle the problem of free government.

At the time of our last Annual Communication, clouds and darkness were about us. War, in its bitterest and bloodiest mood, still raged, and all the uncertainties of a protracted struggle for the preservation of the country with its boundaries uncurtailed, enveloped us. Very many of our membership were far away, exposed to all the perils of physical strife, and each day, almost, our hearts were saddened afresh by the wail of some newly stricken one, whose protector and stay had gone down in battle. Often, too, it was our brother who had fallen; and we dared not ask ourselves who of all the absent ones would ever return to take their places in the ☐ and family circle. "Without were fightings, and within were fears." Now, thanks to Him who breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder, the strife is ended. The eagle has returned from the field of carnage to his eyrie, and folded his wings to rest; while the dove forsakes his covert, and flies with fresh plucked olive to drop the oil of joy upon our yet common country, and re-consecrate its union. All "the pomp and heraldry of war" which our streets have of late witnessed, has been to welcome back those who had so nobly stood between our homes and anarchy. Let us rejoice over our brethren who thus return, and then gird up our loins for the work of ministering comfort to the sick, the maimed, the widow and the fatherless, and of spreading the cement of brotherly affection over the broken places of our Masonic Temple.

My official acts during the year have been few, and such only, with a few exceptions, as could be performed by correspondence. I should approach the subject of ☐ visitations with more misgivings, were it not that my probable inability to fulfill the requirements of our Constitution in that respect were well understood by you prior to my election to this position. The intention to spend at least a few weeks in that pleasant duty, was defeated by the meetings of other General Grand Bodies at Columbus,

Ohio, which, assembling only tri-ennially, and being composed—in part at least—of distinguished Masons hailing from all sections of the United States, offered a treat so rare and so rich, that I could not resist the inclination to devote my little vacation from secular business to an attendance upon them.

On St. John's eve, in December last, by special invitation, and in company with several Grand Officers, I visited and installed the officers elect of Hennepin □, No. 4, enjoying—as usual when visiting there—the brotherly welcome and attention shown us all, as well as the privilege of being permitted to continue the gavel in the hands of our true and tried Most Worshipful Brother Ames, who has held it almost from a “time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary.”

Much to my regret, an invitation to visit and install the officers of Cataraugus □, No. 2, on the same evening, had to be declined. I could not split the hours, and as to dividing myself, all there was of me would be needed to do justice to the brethren in either place. I also visited on my way home last month, Winona □, No. 18, on two consecutive evenings, witnessing the work in the first and third Degrees; and a union meeting of the two □ at Hastings, where the officers in turn exemplified the work. I need hardly add that in these old □ the ritualism and the exhibition of it were especially satisfactory. If in all things there was not a strict adherence to the work adopted by this Grand □, I remembered that our system of Grand Lecturing was yet in its infancy, and that few if any of our □ had enjoyed the advantage of special instruction for the purpose of securing uniformity.

An attempt to visit Rochester □, No. 21, was defeated by some misunderstanding on the part of the Master as to giving notice—arising, doubtless, from circumstances hereafter to be alluded to.

Four dispensations for new □ have been granted during the year, as follows:

Watertown □, U. D., at Watertown, January 5, 1865.

Acacia □, U. D., at Cottage Grove, March 24, 1865.

Nicollet □, U. D., at St. Peter, April 7, 1865.

Faribault □, U. D., at Faribault, June 7, 1865.

The applications were severally approved and the brethren vouched for by the nearest □.

In regard to the last named dispensation, an explanation is proper. It will be remembered by brethren who were then here, that the case of Faribault □ No. 9, and the action of the Grand Master relative thereto, came before this Grand □ at its last Annual Communication. M. W. Bro. Pierson's arrangement was approved and continued until further developments might make a change necessary. In May following I received a letter from W. Bro. Dearborn, the Master, relative to the trouble still existing there, tarnishing the fame both of the □ and of Masonry. This letter, with my answer, is subject to your call. On the first of June I received another letter from Bro. Dearborn, accompanied by the Charter of the □, and a formal surrender thereof, signed by nearly all the members, including the present and past Masters and Wardens still within its jurisdiction. A petition for a new □ immediately followed; the dispensation was granted, and Bro. Dearborn was appointed an agent on behalf of the Grand □, to receive all the money, records and property of Faribault □, No. 9, and receipt for the same to the Grand Secretary—with the exception of the money, which he was to forward by express. The jewels and furniture were to be retained in his charge, with permission to use them in the new □. For a full understanding of all the circumstances of this case, you are referred to the action of the Grand □ at its last session, and the correspondence between Bro. Dearborn and myself upon the subject.

The dispensation to Cannon River □ U. D., at Morristown, was continued, the records and application for charter not reaching the Grand Secretary last fall until after the close of the Annual Communication.

The dispensation to brethren at Fort Garry has also been continued, and I am requested by the Worshipful Master to ask that it be again extended. They do not desire a charter at present, and having learned from

different sources that the ☐ is in good hands, and working carefully, I recommend that the request be granted.

Two other applications for ☐ were received, but in consequence of want of sufficient information, dispensations were not issued. The petitions will be found in my letter file.

The ☐ chartered at the last session were constituted and the officers thereof installed by the following brethren, duly empowered for that duty, namely: Rising Sun and Evergreen ☐, by Worshipful Bro. Tucker, of No. 18; Hope ☐ by R. W. Bro. A. C. Smith; and Union, Concord, King Solomon, and Social ☐, by M. W. Bro. Pierson.

Bro. O. Somers having been elected Master of Fidelity ☐ No. 39, and there not being Past Masters in that vicinity to form a ☐, he visited St. Paul for the purpose of installation. I accordingly invested him with the Past Master's degree in an Emergent ☐ called for the purpose, and in Ancient Landmark ☐ the same evening installed him as Master of Fidelity ☐.

Among the questions asked and answered during the year, the following only are deemed of sufficient importance to report for your consideration:

Answer 1.—A Master elect must at least take the Past Master's obligation before being installed to preside over a ☐.

This obligation can be imparted only in a Convocation of Past Masters.

Such Convocation can be opened only by at least three actual Past Masters. Receiving "the degree of Past Master," so called, merely as one of the Chapter degrees, does not qualify its possessor even to be present while the degree is being conferred by actual Past Masters upon a Master elect.

Answer 2.—The resolution of the Grand ☐ relative to territorial jurisdiction of Subordinate ☐, cannot be interpreted to parcel out territory to city ☐. Their jurisdiction must necessarily be concurrent.

Answer 3.—I do not know of any restriction upon the frequency of Stated Communications.

Question.—Our By-Laws provide that whenever the Master or Treasurer deems it necessary, they shall require such an amount from the members as may be deemed necessary to replenish the treasury. Is that proper?

Answer 4.—It is evident that our Grand ☐ Constitution assumes that each ☐ will provide a charity and contingent fund by a regular system of dues, and I do not think it prudent to leave it for the Master or Treasurer to make assessments, nor to depend upon fees for Degrees to fill the treasury. The former course may produce discord, and the latter may tempt the brethren to look more to money than fitness in providing what is technically called work.

Answer 5.—Under our Constitution a brother stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues, is restored to ☐ membership by the act of payment.

Answer 6.—A dimit, so called, is not absolutely required as a prerequisite to joining a ☐, but as a matter of practice should be, unless there is a satisfactory explanation of its non-production.

Answer 7. A brother Mason is always amenable to the *Fraternity*, and the particular ☐ within whose jurisdiction he may commit an unmasonic act, has the power to cite him before it and to try him.

Answer 8.—A candidate can be stopped at any stage upon the objection of a brother, privately made to the Worshipful Master. It is for the latter to decide whether or not the objection be a proper one.

It is not necessary to prefer written charges to stop progress. The Worshipful Master controls the work of the ☐, and is responsible for a proper exercise of his powers.

It has never been the practice in this jurisdiction to *try* any below the rank of Master Mason. Trial of E. A. and F. C. is allowed in some jurisdictions. I would advise, in the case supposed, where the brethren are satisfied that the candidate is not a fit subject for advancement, that he be stopped where he is. His rights are not complete, so that he can question the action of the ☐, until he has received all his Degrees. If any below a Master Mason ought to be tried, the Grand ☐ must make

provision for such trial. I do not think it necessary, however. No well informed Mason will hold Masonic intercourse with an E. A. or F. C. unless he knows the exact *status* of the man, and that his remaining in that condition is not because of unworthiness. A ☐ should never admit an E. A. or F. C. as a visitor merely upon his proving himself in possession of that Degree, for to remain in it beyond the reasonable time necessary for advancement, should be *prima facie* evidence of unworthiness.

This last assertion may at first seem a harsh assumption; but it must be remembered that all our work now looks forward to the Master's ☐, and that whatever of dignity and advantage attached to the Entered Apprentice and the Fellow Craft in earlier times, has been in these last days appropriated by and confined to the Master Mason, so that every novitiate finds his privileges continued in expectancy until he is in possession of the third Degree. If, therefore, he stops short of that, it is either from want of interest, from want of permission to proceed, or because of some extraneous restraint which is easily explainable. The *presumption* is properly against him.

The Master of a ☐ wrote me that an applicant for the Degrees had been rejected, two black balls appearing, but that from subsequent voluntary expressions of members he was satisfied the rejection was the result of a mistake; and asked if a re-ballot could be had at a following meeting, the same members being present. I replied in substance that "voluntary expressions" relative to a ballot were not to be encouraged; that no brother had a right to disclose the fact that he voted affirmatively; that while it was a pity any mistake had occurred, yet a second mistake in attempting to correct the first would be still worse; and that the brethren might learn a lesson on carefulness, but the petitioner must wait his six months with patience. In a ☐ visited by me, considerable talk was had upon the result of ballotings, and in a case of rejection, a re-ballot was urged in speeches exhibiting a good deal of personal feeling. It was natural under such circumstances that another evil should thrive—a studied carelessness in exposing the white ball in the act of casting it. Errors of this nature, so certain to produce grave disturbances, interrupt harmony and destroy brotherly confidence, you are solemnly enjoined to correct. Educate your ☐ out of that prejudice which exists against the black ballot. Teach them that it is just as honorable, just as worthily used, and just as necessary for the well-being of the Order, as the white one. Indeed, if brethren would but look into the matter, they would be able to trace nine in every ten ☐ difficulties to the misuse—not of the rejecting, but of the electing ball. In the language of a District Deputy G. M. of Missouri, "we ought to have less desire for numbers and more for material."

The old regulations, you know, required that the candidate for our mysteries should be "a perfect youth." Now no single virtue constitutes perfection. A man may be a brave and self sacrificing patriot, or a strictly moral man, or particularly honorable in his business dealings, or kind to the afflicted and poor; and still not be at all profitable to Masonry; for neither one of these traits constitutes a Mason, nor could the knowledge of our mysteries superadded make "perfect." The tenets of our profession, which constitute the trinity of Masonic virtues, are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. That lively sympathy for our fellows which leads us at all times to remember a brother's wants as our own, and makes us social companions; that generosity of heart which makes the pocket subservient to its warm impulses whenever distress is signaled, and leads to a delicate outwatching for concealed suffering; and lastly, that open, honest, upright course of dealing which makes the man of truth, makes his word his bond, and his promise a staff which it will do to lean upon: these are the prerequisites upon which the plumb, the level, the square and the trowel may be used with pleasure to the candidate and profit to the Fraternity, and against such a petitioner we need fear no black ballot.

For a few months after the commencement of my official term, applications for dispensations to receive petitions and confer degrees on short notice and without notice, at stated or special meetings, came showering down upon me like aspen leaves after a frost. The usual reason assigned

was, the applicants are going or have gone into the army. One letter was in behalf of "several men who expected to be drafted, and who would like to take the several degrees in Masonry before the draft takes place!"

To all these applications I had but one reply—a positive refusal; and an extract from a single letter will explain fully my position: "We must not forget in these times, when the advantages of being a Mason are attracting the attention of men who have ever been indifferent to the Institution until considerations wholly personal and selfish opened their eyes, that in all admissions to our Fraternity, the good of the Order and not of the individual, must be the key to unlock the door. If Masonry is to be set up as a reward for patriotism—a sort of town bounty—then the petitions for dispensations which are pouring in upon me, should be granted. But as I do not believe *any* circumstances personal to the applicant give him the least claim to our favorable consideration, *excepting only* the circumstance that his character and social traits will be an acquisition, through which more effectually and beautifully to develop our principles as Masons, I have uniformly refused to grant any dispensation of the kind requested by you."

When I reflect, my brethren, that the applications made to me were in those cases only where candidates could not be rushed through without the extra shove of a dispensation, I mourn with a heavy heart over the burden which Masonry must again bear through the intrusion of unworthy and selfish men. And, if in any case, I have been over cautious, and in my effort to check the invasion of those who saw but a personal advantage to themselves within our portals, have also kept back here and there a worthy applicant, the consolation is left us of feeling that, after all, a favor only has been refused; the door by which you and I entered has all the time been open, and the Order remains pure. Had the mistake been the other way, years would be required to correct it, and the whole body of Masonry would suffer.

A few weeks ago an intimation came to me of very flagrant misconduct by the Master of a ☐ in this jurisdiction. I immediately wrote to a Past Master of the same ☐, stating the fact, without, however, calling names or designating the offence, and expressed the hope that any case requiring my official action would be promptly reported. The brother replied to my letter, giving a full statement of the affair. The guilt of the Master was so apparent from his own confession, and the act committed so revolting, that I at once issued an edict deposing him from his position, suspending him from all the privileges of Masonry, and appointing a Commission to take the testimony in form for presentation before this G. ☐. The duty we owe to Masonry, to keep it pure so far as in us lies, calls for prompt action; and the Grand ☐ will, without doubt, take such steps in this matter as will convince the world that we not only feel the shame which so vile an act entails, but are determined to close every Masonic ☐ in the land against one so devoid of honor and self-respect.

And in this connection permit me to call attention to our trial code, under which it is extremely difficult for any ☐ to purge itself of unworthy members. A thorough revision of the whole code is needed, and should be made at the earliest practicable moment. I believe a Commission was appointed at the last session of the Grand ☐ to revise our Constitution, but as one of the members informed me the Commission never met, I refer to that portion of the Constitution relating to trials again and urge its amendment.

One other subject demands a notice before closing my address, namely, that inattention to Masonic funerals of which entirely too many are guilty. The privilege of being buried by his brethren, with a solemn observance of the customary Masonic services and honors, is one which belongs to every member of our Order who dies with that membership unimpaired. And this *privilege* which belonged to the departed is, when preferred by him before decease, or by his family after, a *sacred obligation* upon us who are living, and one, too, which the ordinary demands of business can not relieve us from fulfilling. Men can not choose their time to die.

"Leaves have their time to fall,

And flowers to wither at the north wind's breath,

And stars to set; but all—

Thou hast all seasons for thine own, O Death!"

The Mason, therefore, who makes prior pleasure engagements, or the pressure of his secular pursuits, an excuse for not giving his personal presence to a Masonic funeral, should be ashamed to assert any affiliation with a society which teaches brotherly love, and should in some fitting way be made to see the measure of his heartlessness. King David had nobility of heart enough to refuse to offer burnt offerings unto the Lord his God of that which cost him nothing. Some, whom you and I wot of, my brethren, might "profit by his example."

Brethren, I congratulate the Craft in this jurisdiction upon the full representation here this day. Assurances of prosperity in most of our ☐ have frequently reached me, and the condition of Freemasonry in Minnesota is such as to make glad and encourage every lover of our mystic society. The turmoil of the past four years has necessarily been a direct source of prosperity as well as of trial to the Order. I do not now refer to numerical and financial prosperity, but to that better growth, the development of the virtues and graces of the true Mason. The blessed lessons which our mysteries inculcate, our emblems teach and our allegories illustrate, have been practically carried out upon many a battle-field and in many a prison-house. The Masonic history of our great war is rich, sparkingly rich, with illustrations of the ennobling power of our Brotherhood: and though that history may never be written, yet in thousands of ☐ rooms will stories be told, and in thousands of hearts will memories be treasured, to make dear the ancient and honored Institution, for the welfare of which you are here to legislate.

And now, my brethren, I call you to labor, earnestly praying you to constantly remember whom you represent, what you profess, and the object which has called you together.

On motion of Bro. Smith, the address of the Grand Master was referred to a special committee of three.

The R.: W.: D.: G.: M.: appointed as such committee, Bros. Smith, Tucker and Lindsley.

On motion of Brother Smith, the papers on file in the Grand Secretary's office, in the case of the appeal of Reuben Fenderson against Monticello ☐ No. 15, was referred to the Committee on Grievances.

The committee to whom was referred the address of the M.: W.: G.: M.:, reported as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the G.: M.: address, report the same back with the following recommendations:

That so much of said address as relates to the Faribault matter and the ☐ at that place now under dispensation, be referred to the Committee on Dispensations.

That portion relating to questions and answers, be referred to the Committee on Ancient Landmarks.

That the portion relating to a case of discipline and the disposition of a W.: M.:, be referred to a select committee of three.

That portion relating to a trial code, be referred to a select committee of three.

And that the remainder of the address be referred to a select committee of three.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. C. SMITH,	} Committee.
C. H. LINDSLEY,	
G. R. TUCKER.	

The Grand Master appointed as the first of said select committees, Bros. Getchell, Cooley, and G. W. Stewart.

As the second select committee, Bros. L. E. Thompson, Smith, and Otis.

And as the third, Bros. Crosby, James and Daniels.

The Grand ☐ was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Grand ☐ resumed labor, the Grand Master presiding.

Present, the same officers and members as yesterday.

The Grand Secretary reported that a representative of the Blue Earth Valley ☐, No. 27, was present and claimed a seat in the Grand ☐, avering that the action of the Grand ☐ at its last Annual Communication in suspending said ☐, had not been officially communicated to said ☐.

The matter was referred to the Committee on Grievances.

The Committee on Work of ☐ reported as follows :

To the M. W. the Grand ☐ of the State of Minnesota :

Your Committee on Work of ☐ U. D., beg leave to report that they have examined the records of the following named ☐, to wit :

Watertown ☐ U. D., Watertown, Carver County.

Cannon River ☐ U. D., Morristown, Rice County.

Faribault ☐ U. D., Faribault, Rice County.

Nicollet ☐ U. D., St. Peter, Nicollet County.

And with the exception of a few slight irregularities in the minutes, find the work done to be in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand ☐, and would respectfully recommend that charters be granted to each of the aforesaid ☐ upon their complying with the provisions of the Constitution of the M. W. G. ☐, in such cases made and provided.

And your committee to whom was referred that part of the M. W. Grand Master's address relating to Faribault ☐, No. 9, beg leave to further report, that they have had said matter under consideration, and recommend the full endorsement, by this Grand Body, of the action of the M. W. Grand Master, in accepting the charter of said ☐, and in all other respects as set forth in his Annual Address ; and that the furniture and jewels of said ☐ be transferred to Faribault ☐ U. D. for their own use, in accordance with their request.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. TAYLO	} Committee.
S. MARLETT,	
JOHN BROWNSILL.	

On motion of Bro. Hanna, the report was adopted, and charters ordered in accordance with the recommendation.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his report, which was referred to the Committee on Examination of Treasurer and Secretary's Books :

To the M. W. the Grand ☐ of the State of Minnesota :

Your Treasurer herewith submits a statement of his account with this Grand ☐ for the past Masonic year, viz :

CASH RECEIVED FROM LATE GRAND SECRETARY.

Oct. 28, 1864.....	\$1,908 50
Jan. 14, 1865	143 37
Oct. 16, 1865, 3 sets Coupons at \$1.42 each.....	95 85
Oct. 16, 1865, U. S. 5-20 Bonds.....	750 00

Total amount received by Grand Treasurer.....\$2,097 73

DISBURSEMENTS.

Nov. 3, 1864, Voucher No. 1.....	\$153 00
Nov. 3, 1864, " No. 2.....	15 00
Jan. 14, 1865, " No. 3.....	1000 00
Jan. 14, 1865, " No. 4.....	1 00 1169 00

Bonds.....\$750 00

Balance on hand, viz: cash.....178 72 \$928 72

All of which is respectfully submitted,

G. L. OTIS, Grand Treasurer.

The Committee on Ancient Landmarks made the following report:

The Committee on Ancient Landmarks, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address which relates to questions of Masonic practice, would respectfully report:

That they have carefully reviewed the opinions of the M. W. Grand Master, expressed in his address, and beg leave most cordially to endorse the same.

The committee would, however, remark that while we have no positive restriction upon the frequency of "stated" meetings, the general practice in this country, the drift of Masonic authorities (Bro. Mackay included) would seem to imply that but one "stated" meeting could be held in the month. The committee believe that the practice in earlier times was more strict in this respect than at present.

The multiplication of "stated" meetings is only for the purpose of hurrying up business that cannot be done at "specials," and tends, among other things, to *hasten* Masonry, and lower the *qualifications* of Masons; yet all admit *some* rule must exist, and a *time* must be established for the bestowal of certain rights in the Order—a departure from which tends strongly to break down one of the barriers heretofore deemed wholesome in the admission and advancement of candidates.

Admissions should abide their time, while *advancement* may well and safely depend on proficiency. The committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand ☐ that no ☐ in this jurisdiction should retain in its By-Laws any provision for more than two stated meetings in any one month.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. C. SMITH, }
A. HANNA, } Committee.
F. M. CROSBY, }

The question being on concurring in the report of the committee and adoption of the resolution, Bro. Bickford moved to amend the resolution by striking out "two" and inserting "one," and called for vote by ☐, which resulted as follows:

No. 2, 5, 8, 31, 41, 44, 47, three votes each, and No. 3 one vote,		
aye—total,		22
No. 1, 4, 7, 11, 12, 18, 21, 23, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35, 37, 39, 40, 43,		
45, 48, 49, three votes each, and No. 3, one vote—nay,		64
Grand officers,—nay,		2
		— 66

The amendment was rejected.

The committee on leave then amended their resolution so as to read :

Resolved, That no ☐ in this jurisdiction shall retain in its by-laws any provision for more than two stated meetings in any one month.

And the resolution was unanimously adopted.

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to the Rochester case, reported as follows :

To the M. W. Grand ☐ of the State of Minnesota :

BRETHREN :—Your committee, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. G. M. address as relates to the deposing and suspension of the W. M. of Rochester ☐ No. 21, have had the matter under consideration, and ask leave to submit the following report :

From the evidence before your committee there can be no doubt but that O. A. Hadley, W. M. of Rochester ☐ No. 21, has been guilty of conduct evincing a degree of moral turpitude, which we are glad to say is seldom exemplified in the Order, and which should subject him to the detestation of all good Masons, and forever debar him from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, and therefore we offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Grand ☐ does most heartily approve of the prompt action of our M. W. G. M., G. W. Prescott, in the case above referred to, in deposing O. A. Hadley from the Mastership of Rochester ☐ No. 21, and suspending him from all Masonic intercourse.

Resolved, That said O. A. Hadley be and hereby is expelled for gross immoral and unmasonic conduct, from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, and the G. S. of this G. L. is instructed to give the widest publicity to this sentence of this G. L., consistent with our Constitution and the usage of the Order.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. W. GETCHELL, }
G. W. STEWART, } Committee.
G. B. COOLEY. }

Pending the question of adopting the report, Bro. L. E. Thompson moved to substitute for the resolutions, the following :

Resolved, That the deposition of O. A. Hadley as W. M. of Rochester ☐ No. 21, be and it is ratified and confirmed, and his suspension continued ; and the case is hereby remitted to said Rochester ☐ No. 21, for immediate trial.

Which was rejected.

The report and resolutions were then adopted.

The committee to whom the residue of the address of the Grand Master, was referred, offered the following report, which was concurred in :

Your committee to whom was referred those portions of the address of the M. W. Grand Master, not specially referred to standing or special committees, beg leave to report, that they most heartily approve those portions of the address so referred so.

We regard as important that special action of this Grand ☐ should be taken upon those portions relating to the balloting for membership and attendance upon Masonic funerals.

The evil of exposing the ball in the act of casting it, and the errors so frequently occurring in mistaking their color, often producing grave disturbances, interrupting harmony and destroying brotherly confidence, may easily be avoided by the ☐ providing themselves with ballot boxes such

as are now used in "well governed ☐"—rendering the ballot entirely secret—using the white ball for the affirmative ballot, and a cube for the negative—making it next to impossible, without great carelessness, to cast a vote not intended.

While it is made the duty of Masters of ☐ to read in open ☐ the Proceedings of this body, your committee recommend that the Masters of the several ☐ in this jurisdiction be specially required to read in open ☐, as soon thereafter as the Proceedings of this Grand ☐ shall be received, those portions of the M. W. Grand Master's address relative to the use of the ballot and attendance upon funerals, and that Masters of ☐ enforce on the brethren as an imperative duty the attendance upon Masonic funerals.

Respectfully submitted.

F. M. CROSBY,
C. N. DANIELS,
FREEMAN JAMES. } Committee.

The Committee on Grievances submitted the following report:

To the M. W. Grand ☐ now in session:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to whom was referred the matter of Blue Earth Valley ☐, No. 27, in this jurisdiction, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report, that they have been waited upon by Bros. Dudley and Weir, who have represented to your committee, that the neglect of that ☐ in omitting to send to this Grand ☐ their yearly returns and dues, was not intentional neglect, but was the omission of the officers of that ☐, caused by inadvertence, and that the ☐ is now under the control of brothers who are willing to conform to our rules and regulations, and who pledge themselves so to do in future, and the ☐ having sent up their returns and offered to pay all arrearage, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That upon presenting the returns required by the regulations of this Grand ☐, and paying all arrearages for dues, that the edict of suspension of this Grand ☐ against Blue Earth Valley ☐, No. 27, be vacated and annulled, and the said ☐ restored to its former rights and privileges.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. E. THOMPSON,
C. H. LINDSLEY,
G. R. TUCKER,
G. B. COOLEY. } Committee.

Which was unanimously adopted.

To the M. W. Grand ☐ now in session:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, have had under consideration the matter of Reuben Fenderson, against whom charges were preferred for unmasonic conduct within this jurisdiction, and have examined the testimony sent up to this ☐, as well as the records of Monticello ☐ No. 16, from which an appeal has been taken to this Grand ☐.

This case comes up on four distinct charges based on one and the same transaction, viz:

1st. Falsely assuming the ownership of property, to the injury of a brother.

2d. In suing Bros. Bertram and Helm for property he never possessed.

3d. Swearing falsely.

4th. Perjury in a court of justice.

The testimony sent up discloses the following facts, viz:

On the 23d of July, 1858, Brother Helm became a judgment creditor of one Woodman for several thousand dollars; the judgment was docketed in Wright County, where the accused resides, on that day, and an execution was issued out of the District Court of the County of Hennepin, upon the judgment docketed as above stated, directed and delivered to Bro. Bertram, a sheriff of said County of Wright, who, on said 29th of July,

levied upon, and thereafter sold, as the property of Woodman, certain property claimed by the accused as belonging to him instead of Mr. Woodman, the judgment debtor, the accused claiming he had purchased the property from Mr. Woodman, on the 22d day of July, 1858, and that he took and held possession under that purchase on the 22d day of July, 1858, and so held possession until taken by Bros. Bertram and Helm under said execution.

On the 25th Dec., 1858, the accused commenced an action in District Court for Hennepin county, against Bros. Bertram and Helm, to recover the value of the property, and damages for the wrongful taking. That said action was finally tried before a jury, which disagreed. That thereafter the accused withdrew the action, and judgment for costs was entered against the accused.

It further appears that the execution under which the property in dispute was taken, was informal, and totally defective, and no justification to the officer acting under it.

The facts in dispute under Specification 1st, of the charges, are: When the property was purchased by the accused, and not that it was *not purchased* at all, the Bros. Bertram and Helm claiming the purchase was not made until after the execution was served, and the accused claiming it was done before.

There is a conflict of testimony upon this point. It being a difference upon a question of dates, either party is liable to be honestly mistaken. The testimony given by disinterested parties seems to preponderate in favor of the fact that the sale was consummated on the 22d July and before the levy.

Upon this testimony turns the whole point of veracity, on which is based the charge of perjury in the 3d and 4th Specifications of the charges.

In the opinion of your committee, the matter of difference between the Bros., as disclosed by the evidence, is not so much a question of morals as a question of strict legal right, and being such, this ☐ is not the proper place to adjudicate thereon without the consent of all parties interested. Your committee understand the doctrine to be, that "every ☐ has full power and authority to inquire into and punish unmasonic conduct of "Masons within their jurisdiction, except Masters of ☐. *Provided they "do not interfere in disputes of a pecuniary nature between brethren, except "by request or consent of all parties interested."*

And that a different doctrine would unsettle all business relations between Masons, as a ☐ of Masons is a body unknown to the jurisprudence of civil government, and cannot adjudicate upon the legal rights of parties touching pecuniary transactions, failing in one of the essential attributes of a court of justice, the power to enforce its edict, in that regard. The only punishment prescribed being a reprimand, suspension, and expulsion, neither of which if inflicted would in this case solve the question who owned the property in controversy, or when it was transferred; and we think this view disposes of the 1st and 2nd Specifications.

As to the 3d and 4th Specifications, your committee state the charge is a grave one, and, to warrant a conviction, there should be sufficient testimony before the ☐ to satisfy it there is not a reasonable doubt of the guilt of the accused.

There must, in this instance, be a moral wrong clearly proven; the moral wrong should be punished, while we should not interfere with private rights. As has before been stated, these specifications are founded upon an allegation in the pleading, that on the 21st day of July, 1858, the accused purchased the property, and took possession on the 22nd, and upon the trial of that action the accused, on oath, made the same statement upon this fact. There is a conflict of testimony preponderating, however, in favor of the accused; therefore your committee cannot say that there is not a reasonable doubt of the guilt of the accused. We, therefore, deem this charge not sustained.

Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the action of Monticello ☐, No. 16, in this jurisdiction, against Bro. Reuben Fenderson, expelling him from all the rights and

privileges of Masonry for unmasonic conduct, be and the same is hereby reversed and set aside.

Resolved, That Bro. Reuben Fenderson be and he is hereby restored to all the privileges of Ancient Freemasonry.

L. E. THOMPSON,	} Committee.
C. H. LINDSLEY,	
G. B. COOLEY,	
G. R. TUCKER.	

Which was unanimously adopted.

The Grand Secretary presented an elegantly bound volume, "The Traditions of Freemasonry and its Coincidences with the Ancient Mysteries," and remarked as follows :

Most Worshipful Sir :

Many years ago the Craft in this jurisdiction conferred upon me the high honor of placing in my hands the gavel of the Grand Master. I had assisted in the organization of two of the three ☐ that formed the Grand ☐. I initiated the latter movement, and was present at its consummation, and have been at every meeting since. When elected Grand Master I had comparatively little knowledge of generalities, and believing that the position would reflect honor or credit upon me just in proportion as I discharged the duties and answered the requirements of it, I determined to avail myself of every means of acquiring information obtainable, by labor or the expenditure of means.

Visiting nearly every Grand Jurisdiction, I sought the acquaintance of the well informed Mason, soliciting information ; books, pamphlets, and manuscripts have been put in requisition, obtained by purchasing, borrowing or copying, and read, and re-read, time and again—and correspondence had with all who would consent to be "augered." The knowledge thus acquired has been at all times freely communicated here, and to the Subordinate ☐ both in visitations and by letter.

The studies commenced from a sense of duty to the position I held, soon became a source of pleasure, and finally, in the language of many of the brethren, a "mania." I remember often wondering, when a school-boy, whether Freemasonry had any connection with the mysteries of the ancients. My investigations on that subject have convinced me that they were but a corrupted continuation of Masonry, and that it is now the original restored and improved ; the facts collected and opinions formed, I have upon the solicitation of friends everywhere embodied in this book. Commenced, prosecuted and continued because of the unwavering confidence, unmerited kindness and fostering care of the brethren of this jurisdiction, I could do no less than dedicate this book to the brethren of the Grand ☐ of Minnesota—Masonically, my *alma mater*. When I am gone, the presence of this book in the Grand ☐ library may remind the brethren of one whose sole ambition for years past has been to advance the interests of Masonry in this jurisdiction. I take this opportunity to say, that which I have written in a report, that sincerely grateful for your kindness and confidence, extending over a period of thirteen years, yet with this session closes my official connection with the Grand ☐ of Minnesota.

The R. : W. : D. : G. : M. : , L. E. Thompson, prefaced with some eloquent and complimentary remarks, and offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand ☐ of Minnesota, in accepting the volume entitled "Traditions of Freemasonry and its coincidence with the Ancient Mysteries," tenders to M. : W. : Bro. Pierson, P. : G. : M. : , the thanks of the Grand ☐ , not only for the present, but also for having written it ; and congratulate him upon the deserved success with which it is meeting.

Resolved, That this Grand ☐ strongly recommend to each individual brother in this jurisdiction to procure a copy of said book, for frequent perusal.

The committee on returns of ☐, submitted the following report, which was concurred in :

To the M. W. Grand ☐ of Minnesota :

Your Committee on Returns have attended to that duty, and beg leave to report that they have examined and corrected the returns, and find the following amounts set opposite each name and number, as the Grand ☐ dues of each Subordinate ☐, for the year ending October 24, A. L. 5865 :

St. John's, No. 1, Stillwater.....	\$33 00
Cataract, No. 2, St. Anthony.....	67 50
St. Paul, No. 3, St. Paul.....	53 50
Hennepin, No. 4, Minneapolis.....	143 00
Ancient Landmark, No. 5, St. Paul.....	94 00
Dakota, No. 7, Hastings.....	60 00
Red Wing, No. 8, Red Wing.....	40 00
Mantorville, No. 11, Mantorville.....	40 00
Mankato, No. 12, Mankato.....	62 00
Wapahasa, No. 14, Wabashaw.....	61 00
Monticello, No. 16, Monticello.....	70 50
Hokah, No. 17, Hokah.....	no ret.
Winona, No. 18, Winona.....	110 00
Minneapolis, No. 19, Minneapolis.....	48 00
Caledonia, No. 20, Caledonia.....	no ret.
Rochester, No. 21, Rochester.....	126 00
North Star, No. 22, St. Cloud.....	86 00
Wilton, No. 24, Wilton.....	no ret.
Western Star, No. 26, Albert Lea.....	30 00
Blue Earth Valley, No. 27, Winnebago City.....	25 00
Clear Water, No. 28, Clearwater.....	30 50
Crescent, No. 29, La Crescent.....	no ret.
Anoka, No. 30, Anoka.....	no ret.
King Hiram, No. 31, Belle Plaine.....	9 50
Sakatah, No. 32, Waterville.....	no ret.
Star in the East, No. 33, Owatonna.....	38 50
Oriental, No. 34, Cannon Falls.....	33 50
Mt. Moriah, No. 35, Hastings, 2 years dues.....	113 00
Preston, No. 36, Preston.....	no ret.
Mystic Tie, No. 37, Pine Island.....	63 50
Washington, No. 38, Wasioja.....	no ret.
Fidelity, No. 39, Austin.....	83 00
Carnelian, No. 40, Lake City.....	39 50
Hermon, No. 41, Zumbrota.....	17 50
Hope, No. 42, Glencoe.....	35 00
Harmony, No. 43, Utica.....	45 50
King Solomon, No. 44, Shakopee.....	60 00
Union, No. 45, Le Sueur.....	38 00
Evergreen, No. 46, Troy.....	61 00
Concord, No. 47, Cleveland.....	27 50
Social, No. 48, Northfield.....	48 50
Rising Sun, No. 49, St. Charles.....	84 00
Watertown, U. D., Watertown.....	69 00
Acacia, U. D., Cottage Grove.....	35 00
Faribault, U. D., Faribault.....	10 00
Nicollet, U. D., St. Peter.....	20 50

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. J. MARVIN,
CHAS. LEONARD, } Committee.
H. W. ROSE.

On motion of Bro. Lee,

Resolved, That the Grand ☐ proceed to the election of Grand Officers as the first business this afternoon.

The Grand ☐ was thereupon called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 O'CLOCK.

The Grand ☐ was called to labor by the M.: W.: Grand Master.

Grand Officers and representatives present as in the forenoon.

The hour having arrived for the election of Grand Officers, the Grand Master appointed R.: W.: D. B. Loomis, P.: D.: G.: M.: , and R.: W.: William Lee, P.: G.: J.: W.: , tellers to assist the Grand Secretary.

The R.: W.: D.: G.: M.: declined being a candidate for any position.

The election was had and the following result announced.

M.: W.: GEO. W. PRESCOTT, of St. Paul, Grand Master.

R.: W.: P. P. HUBBELL, of Winona, Deputy Grand Master.

R.: W.: G. B. COOLEY, of Mantorville, Grand Senior Warden.

R.: W.: A. J. PHELPS, of Cannon Falls, Grand Junior Warden.

R.: W.: GEO. L. OTIS, of St. Paul, Grand Treasurer.

R.: W.: C. W. CARPENTER, of St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

Bro. R. Steward offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to reprint such Proceedings of the Grand ☐ as are out of print, and to cause to be bound a sufficient number of sets of the entire Proceedings of this Grand ☐ from its organization, to furnish each Subordinate ☐ with a copy, and also such foreign jurisdictions as may desire.

Which resolution, on motion of Bro. Getchell, was indefinitely postponed.

Bro. Bickford offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That ☐ under Dispensation have the same rights as to jurisdiction as Chartered ☐, and no other.

Bro. A. J. Phelps offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Bro. Charles H. Lindsley be and he is hereby elected Grand Lecturer for the ensuing Masonic year.

Bro. Pierson moved to amend by adding :

Provided, the work taught shall be that which was adopted by the Grand ☐ at its session of 1863, as appears on page 32 of the printed Proceedings of that year.

The amendment was accepted by the mover of the resolution.

Pending discussion, Bro. Taylor moved to lay the subject on the table. A vote by ☐ was called for, which resulted as follows :

Those voting aye were, No. 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 3, 11, 12, 23, 26, 27, 28,

31, 33, 40, 41, 42, 45, 48,—twenty ☐, 3 votes each, - 60

Grand Officers, - 3

Total ayes, - - - - - 63

Those voting nay were, No. 14, 18, 21, 34, 35, 37, 39, 43, 44, 49,—

ten ☐, 3 votes each, - 30

Total nays, - - - - - 30

So the resolution was laid upon the table.

Bro. Lindsley moved that a committee be appointed to prepare and present to the Grand ☐ an amendment to the Constitution providing for the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, which was adopted.

The Grand Master appointed as such committee, Bros. Lindsley, Smith and Loomis.

Bro. L. E. Thompson offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Work and Lectures taught and promulgated by M.·. W.·. Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, P.·. G.·. M.·., is again confirmed, and declared to be the standard Work and Lectures of the Grand ☐ of Minnesota, and that all ☐ in this jurisdiction are required to conform thereto.

Bro. Hanna offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was, on motion of Bro. Merrell, laid on the table :

Resolved, That Section 79, Title I, of the Constitution, be amended so as to read as follows :

This Grand ☐ shall be composed of the Grand Officers mentioned in Sections 59 and 60 of this Constitution, and of all Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Past Masters, by senior, and the Master and Wardens, or their proxies, of all ☐ subordinate to this Grand ☐. A proxy must have arrived to the rank of Warden.

Also, that Section 82 of same Title, be amended to read as follows :

Each ☐ represented either by their officers or their proxies, to three votes, and the Past Masters, by senior, of each ☐ collectively, to one vote. If but two officers are present, and the third not represented by proxy, the officer highest in rank may have two votes. If two of said representatives be absent, the representative present shall cast the entire vote of the ☐.

The Select Committee to whom was referred that portion of the address of the Grand Master relating to a revision of the Trial Code, reported as follows :

To the M.·. W.·. Grand ☐ :

The Committee on the revisal of the Trial Code, offer the following report :

TITLE 6—OF TRIALS AND ITS INCIDENTS.

Whenever a member of a ☐, or a Brother Master| Mason, under this jurisdiction, shall be accused of crime or offence, which if proved would subject him to suspension or expulsion, the proceedings in the premises shall be conducted, substantially, agreeably to the following rules :

RULE 1. The accusation shall be reduced to writing, by a brother, and given in charge to the S.·. or J.·. W.·., in accordance with ancient usage, whose duty it shall be to present said charges to the ☐ at the first regular meeting thereafter, and the ☐ shall refer the same to a judicious committee for investigation. The committee shall serve, or cause to be served, on the accused, an attested copy of the charge or charges, together with a notice of the time and place of investigation, not less than fourteen days prior to the time appointed for such investigation ; *provided* the residence of the accused shall be known, and shall be within the distance of fifty miles of the place where the ☐ having the matter in charge is located. If the residence of the accused be a greater distance than fifty miles from the place of hearing, but within the State, then a summons to appear and show cause, may be served personally, or by depositing the

same in the post office, addressed to the accused at the post office where he resides, postage paid, not less than twenty days before the time of investigation, which being proved shall be deemed sufficient service. If his residence be out of the State, and unknown, the ☐ may proceed *ex parte*; but if known, a summons shall be served personally or by mail as aforesaid, not less than forty days before the time appointed for the investigation.

RULE 2. No person shall be present during the investigation before the committee except the members of the committee, the party accused, their counsel, and the summoned witnesses.

RULE 3. Each witness shall be examined separately and apart from the other witnesses, if desired by the accused, and all testimony proper to be written shall be reduced to writing by the committee.

RULE 4. The accused shall have the benefit of counsel, of any one who is a Master Mason in good standing, if he desire it; also of cross-examination, and rebutting testimony, before the committee, and of counsel in open ☐ after the committee report, and before the vote is taken by the ☐. After having been heard in open ☐, the accused, his counsel, and all parties interested personally in the prosecution of the complaint, or related within the degrees of affinity or consanguinity, shall retire before the question is discussed or decided by the ☐.

RULE 5. An accused brother should be judged according to the evidence, and in accordance with the well recognized and sound principles of the common law; and since no brother can pronounce judgment upon his honor, contrary to his own conviction, it becomes the duty of every one, whether called upon or not, to lay before the committee such facts in regard to the case under investigation as he may be cognizant of, but such testimony must be given in presence of the accused or his counsel. Any brother failing to make known any facts pertinent to the question before the committee, should be held amenable to all the penalties of Masonic discipline.

RULE 6. In pronouncing upon the guilt or innocence of an accused brother, the roll of the ☐ shall be called, beginning with the youngest Mason and ending with the W. M.; and every brother, as his name is called, shall rise, salute the Master, and pronounce his judgment upon his honor, as a Mason, "guilty," or "not guilty," of unmasonic conduct.

RULE 7. If the verdict be guilty, the ☐ shall forthwith proceed, in its own prudent way, to declare and record the *degree* of punishment to be inflicted.

RULE 8. In no case shall the accused or his counsel be present when judgment is pronounced, and the revealing of any transaction of the ☐, with regard to voting in the case under consideration, shall be sufficient cause for *expulsion*.

RULE 9. If the verdict be tantamount to *suspension*, and an appeal be duly taken, an attested copy of the proceedings shall be sent up at the ensuing meeting of the Grand ☐, for examination and final action. If tantamount to *expulsion*, like proceedings shall be furnished Grand ☐, and it shall operate as a suspension only, until the affirmance of the Grand ☐ shall be obtained.

RULE 10. The Grand ☐ shall, within a reasonable time after an appeal shall have been perfected in cases of suspension, and in all cases of expulsion, proceed to examine the case as presented in the certified transcript, and make a just, equitable, and final decision of the matter.

RULE 11. Any brother deeming himself aggrieved by the decision of suspension, or by a decision refusing to suspend, may appeal to the Grand ☐ against said decision.

The appeal must be made in writing within six months after the decision complained of, and transmitted to the Grand Secretary ten days at least before the first day of the session of the Grand ☐ thereafter. A notice and copy of the appeal must, at the time, be sent by the appellant to the party against whose decision the appeal is made.

RULE 12. A reversal of the decision of the ☐, made by the Grand ☐, shall have the effect only to restore the accused to the general rights and

privileges of Masonry, and not to membership within the body from which he was suspended or expelled, without its unanimous consent.

RULE 13. In cases of original investigation, when any testimony offered shall be objected to, by either party, the committee shall fairly and impartially note the objection, and then receive the testimony under the objection.

RULE 14. Either party shall be entitled to process to compel the attendance of witnesses, being members of the Order, and the committee shall have full power to issue the same.

RULE 15. The Grand ☐ retains original jurisdiction in all cases of its own members, or of Masters of ☐ while in office.

RULE 16. All provisions of this Constitution, conflicting with the foregoing rules and regulations, are hereby repealed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. C. SMITH,
GEO. L. OTIS,
L. E. THOMPSON. } Committee.

Which was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be spread upon the records for final action at the session of 1866, in accordance with the provision of the Constitution relative to amendments.

The Committee on Pay-Roll submitted their report, which was approved, and the several amounts found due the representatives, ordered paid :

To the M. W. G. ☐ of Minnesota :

The committee to whom was assigned the duty of preparing a Pay Roll for the Representatives to this Grand ☐, have attended to that duty, and beg leave to submit the following report :

NAME OF LODGE.	No. Lodge.	No. of Days.	Per diem.	Mileage.	Total.	Dues Paid G. ☐	G. ☐ Dues, rept due by Committee.	TO WHOM PAID.
Saint John's.....	1	2	\$6 00	\$3 00	\$9 00	\$33 00	\$33 00	D. B. Loomis.
Catawaug.....	2	2	6 00	1 00	7 00	62 50	67 50	M. W. Getchell.
Saint Paul.....	3	2	6 00		6 00	53 50	53 50	A. C. Smith.
Hennepin.....	4	2	6 00	1 00	7 00	143 00	143 00	C. N. Daniels.
Ancient Landmark.....	5	2	6 00		6 00	94 00	94 00	F. James.
Dakota.....	6	2	6 00	6 00	12 00	60 00	60 00	R. J. Marvin.
Red Wing.....	7	2	6 00	9 00	15 00	40 00	40 00	S. B. Foot.
Mantorville.....	8	2	6 00	14 00	20 00	40 00	40 00	G. B. Cooley.
Mankato.....	9	2	6 00	14 00	20 00	62 00	62 00	A. Hanna.
Wapahusa.....	10	2	6 00	12 00	18 00	61 00	61 00	H. W. Rose.
Monticello.....	11	2	6 00	8 00	14 00	66 50	70 50	
Winona.....	12	2	6 00	16 00	22 00	110 00	110 00	G. B. Tucker.
Minneapolis.....	13	2	6 00	1 00	7 00	48 00	48 00	
Rochester.....	14	2	6 00	22 00	28 00	126 00	126 00	C. H. Lindsley.
North Star.....	15	2	6 00	12 00	18 00	86 00	86 00	S. Marlatt.
Western Star.....	16	2	6 00	19 00	25 00	29 50	30 00	John Brownhill.
Blue Earth Valley.....	17	2	6 00	26 00	32 00	25 00	25 00	L. Dudley.
Clear Water.....	18	2	6 00	10 00	16 00	30 50	30 50	W. T. Rigby.
King Hiram.....	19	2	6 00	8 00	14 00	9 50	9 50	Geo. Bradley.
Star in the East.....	20	2	6 00	10 00	16 00	38 50	38 50	W. R. Kinyon.
Oriental.....	21	2	6 00	10 00	16 00	33 50	33 50	A. J. Phelps.
Mt. Moriah.....	22	2	6 00	6 00	12 00	70 00	113 00	Wm. Lee.
Mystic Tie.....	23	2	6 00	13 00	19 00	63 50	63 50	Thos. McManus.
Fidelity.....	24	2	6 00	17 00	23 00	83 00	83 00	O. Somers.
Carnelian.....	25	2	6 00	13 00	19 00	39 50	39 50	S. R. Merrell.
Hernon.....	26	2	6 00	11 50	17 50	17 00	17 50	Wm. Bickford.
Hope.....	27	2	6 00	10 00	16 00	35 00	35 00	A. J. Snyder.
Harmony.....	28	2	6 00	17 80	23 80	45 50	45 50	S. W. Gleason.
King Solomon.....	29	2	6 00	4 00	10 00	60 00	60 00	H. S. Holton.
Union.....	30	2	6 00	10 50	16 50	38 00	38 00	G. W. Stewart.
Concord.....	31	2	6 00	14 50	20 50	27 50	27 50	A. Bossout.
Social.....	32	2	6 00	5 00	11 00	48 50	48 50	Chas. Taylor.
Rising Sun.....	33	2	6 00	18 80	24 80	84 00	84 00	R. Stewart.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. T. RIGBY,
S. R. MERRELL,
D. B. LOOMIS. } Committee.

Whereupon the Grand ☐ was called to refreshment until 7½ P. M.

EVENING SESSION—7½ O'CLOCK.

The Grand ☐ resumed labor, the M.: W.: Grand Master presiding, officers and representatives as at the previous session.

The Committee on Work of ☐ U.: D.:, made an additional report as follows :

To the M.: W.: Grand ☐ of the State of Minnesota :

Your Committee upon work of ☐ U.: D.:, beg leave to submit the following additional report :

Whereas they have been informed that Northern Light ☐ U.: D.:, at Fort Garry, is working under the jurisdiction of this Grand ☐, and with a commendable degree of diligence and success, and for the best interests of Masonry, and that said ☐ desires a renewal of their dispensation until the next Annual Communication of this Grand ☐.

Your committee would therefore recommend that a renewal of their dispensation be granted to them in accordance with their request.

Your committee further report that the returns, dispensation and dues of Acacia ☐ U.: D.:, have been examined and found correct ; but that through a misunderstanding of the requirements of this Grand ☐, the records were not brought up. Your committee would recommend that a charter be issued and placed in the hands of the G.: M.: for delivery, provided the work of the ☐, after inspection, meets with his approval.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. TAYLOR,
S. MARLETT,
JOHN BROWNSILL. } Committee.

The report and recommendations were concurred in.

By request of the Grand Master, M.: W.: P.: G.: M.: A. T. C. Pierson then took the East and proceeded to install the following officers elect of the Grand ☐, viz :

M.: W.: G. W. PRESCOTT, Grand Master.
R.: W.: G. B. COOLEY, Senior Grand Warden.
R.: W.: A. J. PHELPS, Junior Grand Warden.
R.: W.: GEO. L. OTIS, Grand Treasurer.
R.: W.: C. W. CARPENTER, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master announced the following appointments :

W.: Rev. S. Y. McMASTERS, St. Paul, Grand Chaplain.
W.: CHAS. TAYLOR, Northfield, Grand Marshal.
R.: W.: W. T. RIGBY, Clearwater, Grand Standard Bearer.
W.: S. R. MERRELL, Lake City, Grand Sword Bearer.
W.: A. HANNA, Mankato, Senior Grand Deacon.
W.: A. J. SNYDER, Glencoe, Junior Grand Deacon.
W.: S. W. GLEASON, Utica, Grand Pursuivant.
W.: CHAS. LEONARD, St. Paul, Senior Grand Steward.
W.: R. J. MARVIN, Hastings, Junior Grand Steward.
W.: A. RICHARDSON, St. Paul, Grand Tyler.

And proceeded to install each one in his respective office, except W.: Brother Rev. S. Y. McMASTERS, who was not present ; and or-

dered that R. W. P. P. Hubbel should be installed in Winona ☐, No. 18, of which he was a member.

The Committee on the Examination of the books of the Treasurer and Secretary, submitted their report, which was concurred in, and the recommendations adopted :

To the M. W. G. ☐ :

The committee to whom was assigned the examination of the books and papers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, and find that he has received during the year past, in cash and U. S. bonds, the sum of..... \$2,097 72
And has disbursed, as per vouchers presented,..... 1,169 00

Leaving a balance at commencement of present session, of.... \$928 72
Of this balance there is in United States 5-20 bonds,
the sum of..... \$750 00
And in cash..... 178 72
\$928 72

We have also examined the books and papers in the Grand Secretary's office, and find that an amount of labor is required in keeping up the written book of Proceedings and the record book of Subordinate ☐ membership, of which we had no conception.

We have examined all the papers, and find that the Grand Secretary has received..... \$2,036 50
The pay roll, which is paid by the Grand Secretary, amounts to the sum of..... 541 10

Leaving a balance to be paid to the Grand Treasurer, of... \$1,495 40

The finances of the Grand ☐ will then be as follows :
U. S. 5-20 bonds, interest paid semi-annually.....\$750 00
Balance of cash on hand in Treasury..... 178 72
Cash resulting from this session.....1,495 40

Total assets..... \$2,424 12
All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. J. PHELPS,
O. SOMERS,
W. R. KINYON, } Committee.

(NOTE—The Grand Secretary paid the Grand Treasurer \$1,577.40, other moneys paid in subsequent to the report, making the total amount in the Treasury of the Grand ☐ \$2,506.12.)

On motion of Brother Bradley, it was ordered that a charter be issued to Red Wing ☐ No. 8, the one they have being illegible.

(NOTE—Several years ago when parchment charters had been procured, it was ordered that the old ones be taken up and new ones issued; the officers of the Grand ☐ all being living, the matter was accomplished, with the exception of Red Wing ☐, which by some mischance was neglected.)

Bro. Marvin offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the sum of twenty dollars be paid to W. A. Richardson, in full for his services as Tyler, and for wood and lights for the use of this Grand ☐.

The Grand Master announced that the Grand ☐ was the owner of two lots in the cemetery at St. Paul, which came into its possession on the demise of Pacific ☐ No. 10, and that as the two city

Each had adjoining lots, recommended that a committee be appointed to act in conjunction with a committee from the [] in improving said lots.

The recommendation being concurred in, the Grand Master appointed Freeman James, W. S. Combs, and Charles Leonard, such committee.

There being no further business, the Thirteenth Annual Communication of the Grand [] of Minnesota was closed in ample form, peace and harmony prevailing.

GEO. W. PRESCOTT, *Grand Master.*

C. W. CARPENTER, *Grand Secretary.*